THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The number of companies and number of packs being arge, the time and labour involved in the collection and compilation of this voluminous information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(c) to (e) Manufacturers of decontrolled formulations are free to revise their prices themselves. Instances warranting intervention come to the notice of the Government not only from the information submitted by the companies in various forms prescribed in DPCO, 1987, but also from the data available from other sources. However, as already mentioned in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1147 answered on the 7th May, 1992, the overall compliance by the companies in regard to furnishing of information in Form 2A has not been very satisfactory. However, efforts are on to improve the compliance.

Prices of bulk drugs

3092. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1945 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th May, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DPCO 1987 provides for fixation of prices of bulk drugs on the basis of weighted average of the cost based prices of major producers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in violation of this provision, prices were recommended by BICP and also accepted by Government;

(c) if so, what are the names of those drugs;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have fixed the prices of bulk drugs on the basis of 2/3rd cut off level to benefit of the producers:

(e) if so, names of such drugs, names of producers of each and price fixed for each; and

(f) whether it is a fact that this principle was rejected under DPCO, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir. However, under DPCO 1987 weighted average price for a bulk drug for the purpose of determining prices of formulations can be fixed where Government fixes more than one price for a bulk drug.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) to (f) The maximum sale price of a price controlled bulk drug is fixed by the Government in accordance with DPCO 1987, after making necessary enquiries in the matter and taking into account the production capability and efficiency of the major manufacturing units. This is done in order to maintain uninterrupted supplies of a bulk drug so that shortages may not occur and availability of formulations, at reaosnable prices which is the ultimate interest of the consumer is ensured.

Revision of prices of formulations

3093. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 139 given in Rajya Sabha on 9th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of formulations based on the imported bulk drugs which are under price control are revised on a *suo-motto* basis or as and when the manufacturers apply for the same;

(b) if so, when the prices of formulations based thereon of each were revised: